



Shante Blakes was the first-place winner in the *Chronicle's* Black History Month Poetry Contest. Blakes, a second-grade student at Latham Elementary, won \$25 for a poem titled "Mary McLeod Bethune." Blakes poem appears on page B9. The second- and third-place winners will be pictured in the next two issues (photo by James Parker).

Beta Alpha Chapter attends conference

The Beta Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., to attend their 47th Regional Conference, held at the Holiday Inn-World's Fair on March 9-11. The conference was well-attended by Beta Alpha Chapter, the undergraduate chapter and their auxiliary chapters.

Undergraduate chapter members attending from

the Delta Delta Chapter at Winston-Salem State University were Sandra Cox, Pamela Benton and Mellin Parker.

The auxiliary members attending were Mrs. Margaret Linton and Mrs. Thelma Barnette, and lambs Moses Small, William Mason and John E. Wright.

The delegates attending were Ruth Medlock,

chapter president; Harriet Tobe and Virginia Wright, southern regional journalist.

Other members attending were Ethel Brim, Ernestine Cathcart, Daisy Durrah, Nannie Kiser, Ericsteen Lash, Evelyn McDuffie, Mary Mason, Juanita Penn, Evelyn Phillips, Thelma Small, national dean-of-pledges; Mary Wheeler and Arrie Wright.

The Beta Alpha Chapter was honored to have Virginia Wright re-elected and installed as Southern Regional Journalist for a fourth term. They were also delighted that Pamela Benton, Delta Delta Chapter, was the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from the Southern Region.

The 48th Southern Region will be held in Tampa, Fla., in March 1985.

Alta Vista Garden Club holds meeting

The Alta Vista Garden Club recently held a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Caesar, Marvin Place, with Mrs. Beulah Hickerson as the co-hostess.

Mrs. Marion Wallace led the devotion and the club theme song. After reading four verses from Psalms 27, the Lord's Prayer was said in unison.

Routine business items were completed and the new business was sent to various committees for discussion before being brought back to the club. After the business, club members exchanged potted plants.

Mrs. Oressa Hauser, chairperson of the voluntary service commission of A.A.R.P. Chapter No. 1797, sent the club some flower seeds to be planted

in a flower garden that will be kept and watered. When the plants are developed, a picture will be taken of the garden.

The following members attended the meeting: Mrs. Janie Thomas, president; Mrs. Mae Fields, vice president; Mrs. Eva Mae Harris, recording secretary; Mrs. Estella Cropps, assistant secretary; Mrs. Juanita Penn, financial secretary,

Mrs. Elibabeth Caesar, Mrs. Beulah Hickerson, Mrs. Louise King, Mrs. Teretha Milliner, Mrs. Odessa Perry, reporter; Mrs. Maggie S. Rucker, Mrs. Willa Truesdale, Mrs. Cordilia Turner, Mrs. Marion Wallace and Mrs. Marie Dotson. Mrs. Virginia Jefferson was a visitor.

After the meeting, dinner was served.

What's new at the East Winston Library?

What's new at the East Winston Branch Library?

The library staff and the Friends of the East Winston Library at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and Seventh Streets want the community to know that the branch now has a new Apple II microcomputer, which can be used by people who have no computer ex-

perience and of all ages.

The branch now has all the books of the Old and New Testaments (King James version), narrated by Alexander Scourby, on cassette tapes. Also, the branch has a full set of "Martin Luther King Speaks" cassette tapes produced by the Southern Leadership Conference.

Adults with library cards may borrow tapes or they may be used in the library. Also available are the General Statutes of North Carolina, the *Washington Post*, the *Raleigh News and Observer*, the *Sunday New York Times*, black newspapers from major North Carolina cities, Atlanta and New York, per-

sonal computing magazines, *The Wall Street Journal* and the Black Resource Guide to name just a few items.

The Friends of East Winston Library are thriving and helping to make the branch strong.

For more information call the East Winston Branch at 727-2202.

Urban League reaches 75% of campaign

Mr. Robert A. Emken, chairman of the Challenge to Achieve Campaign, announced that as of March 15, the campaign has reached 75 percent of its goal through generous pledges from foundations, corporations and individuals.

"The Winston-Slaem Foundation has made a gift

of \$15,000 and Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust has pledged \$75,000 contingent upon the campaign successfully meeting its goal of \$550,000," reported Emken.

"Gifts have been received from Duke Power Co., Integon Foundation, Piedmont Federal Savings and

Loan Association, Piedmont Publishing Co., Southern Bell, Summit Communications and Watkins Interiors.

Thomas J. Elijah Jr. said he is delighted with the progress to date of the campaign. "The hard work of our campaign," he said, "is very gratifying."

The Challenge to Achieve Campaign seeks to raise \$550,000 to fund renovations on the Urban League's buildings at Fifth and Trade Streets.

After renovations are completed, the Urban League will move its offices and training facilities to the new location.

Special edition of 'Just Friends' to highlight John T. Biggers

Mid-Atlantic Communications will present a special edition of "Just Friends" March 24 at 11 p.m. on WJTM-TV highlighting Dr. John T. Biggers, noted educator and artist.

"Dr. John T. Biggers: A Man and His Work" will profile the North Carolina native's development from a plumbing student at Hampton Institute in the 1940s to his rise as an artist on the black American

scene in the late 1950s, to chairman of the Texas Southern University art department and finally as world renowned and respected muralist and black American art authority. He has authored and illustrated several books.

The 30-minute special will also focus on Bennett College, whose artist-lecture series is responsible for Biggers' visit to the

school. Bennett College has long established itself as a school that instills an appreciation for aesthetics and culture in its student body.

This special edition of "Just Friends" will feature some of the murals created by Biggers during his 34 years as an educator, his lecture on the Bennett campus and his private collection of African art.

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